The distribution costs on wheat and rice are given below:—

(Rs. per qutnial)

Year	Distribution Cost	
	Wheat	Rice
1992-93 . .	120.02	120.02
1993-94 . .	120.97	120.97
1994-95 . .	122.03	122.3 (R.E.)

Sick sugar mills in the country

903. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick sugar mills, out of the total, at present in the country;

(b) their locations;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision in regard to these sick sugar mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special provisions) Act, 1985, companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956 which become sick have to be referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). These provisions have been extended to cover Government companies also. BIFR has intimated that as on 28.2.95 there were 13 cases of sick sugar companies registered with them. A statement showing the State-wise list of such sick sugar companies, as furnished by BIFR, is at Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Sugar mills have to themselves prepare schemes for rehabilitation/modernisation and get them approved by BIFR/participating agencies. Financial assistance is also available from the Sugar Development Fund (SDF) at concessional rates of interest for such rehabilitation/modernisation schemes, subject to their fulfilling the conditions laid down.

Statement

State-wise list of sick sugar companies Registered with BIFR as on 28-2-1995

State/company

Andhra Pradesh

Challapalli Sugar

Bihar

Champaran Sugar

Karnataka

Davnagare Sugar Company

Salarjung Sugar

Gangawati Sugar

Madhya Pradesh

Jiwaji Rao Sugar

Punjab

Bhagwanpura Sugar Mills

Rajasthan

Mewar Sugar

Utter Pradesh

Lakshmi Sugar Mills

* Cawnpore Sugar Works Ltd.

* Shervani Sugar Syndicate Ltd.

* Swadeshi Mining & Mfh. Co. Ltd.

West Bengal

Ramnuger Cane (Khitan Agro Complex)

*Under Enquiry by B.I.F.R.

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904. श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी: क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने भारतीय खाद्य निगम को गेहूं, चीनी और चावल